GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3049
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AVAILABILITY OF COUNTERFEIT ITEMS IN THE MARKET
NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to market survey conducted by ORG-MARG, counterfeit/look alike goods are available in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereto;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (d): Government have no information about the survey conducted by ORG-MARG regarding availability of counterfeit/look alike goods in the market. It is primarily the responsibility of the manufacturers to protect their trade mark by initiating legal action against the counterfeiters of their products under various laws such as the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, etc. Affected consumers can also seek redressal under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.